Building of DAMS by Karnataka for Storing Water

1777. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :
SHRI BISHAMBAR NATH PANDE :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Tamilnadu Government had complained to the Centre that Karnataka is building dams and reservoirs for storing water in violation of the agreements ;

(b) whether the interim order issued by the Cauvery Water Tribunal has been implemented by the Central Government ; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) Government of TamilNadu in its letter of July 6,1986 has stated that a water dispute with the Government of Karnataka has arisen by reason of the fact that the interests of the State of Tamil Nadu and the inhabitants thereof in the water of Cauvery which is an inter-state river, have been affected prejudicially by the executive action taken by the Karnataka State in constructing Kabini, Hemavathi, Harangi, Swarnavathi and other projects and expending the ayacut resulting in materially diminishing the supply of waters to Tamil Nadu.

(b) and (c) The order of the Tribunal dated 25-6-1991 was published in the Official Gazette on December 10, 1991 after seeking opinion of the Supreme Court. With its publication, the Order became effective and binding on party States and is required to be given effect to by them.

Suspension and Resumption of SSP Works by Narmada Project Control Authority

1778. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY :
SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY :
SHRI G. G. SWELL :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Namada Project Control Authority decided to suspend SSP works in its December, 1993 meeting, if so, the details thereof ;

(b) what was the reasons for the suspension of the work ;

(c) whether the high level meeting between the Prime Minister, Water Resources Minister, Environment Minister and Chief Ministers of concerned states decided to resume SSP work ;

(d) if so, why and what are the conditions for resumption of work and what are the details of the resumed works ;

(e) whether the 1500 hectares of forest lands are denotified and handed over to Maharashtra and affected tribals are resettled, if so, the details thereof, when the sluice gates would be closed ;

(f) what is the proposed construction height of SSP this year ;

(g) whether the failure of Narmada Sagar Dam to come up in time would effect the down stream projects and the storage capacity of SSP ; and

(h) if so, the details thereof and its adverse effects on drinkin g water and irrigation project of Gujarat ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) to (h) Keeping in view the safety of the Dam, the Narmda Control Authority in its 48th meeting held on 31-12-93, inter-alia, decided that until a decision on plugging of sluices at EL + 18 metre was taken, the spillway dam portion beyond the schedule upto 31-12-93 approved by the Sardar Sarovar Construction Advisory Committee should not be raised further.

In the meeting taken by the Prime Minister with the Chief Ministers of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh and the Union Minister of Environment & Forests on 12-1-94, it was felt that the work on Sardar Sarovar should proceed and all that was required to be done on priority in all areas likely to be permanently submerged must be completed on time and this should be worked out by the Ministries and States.

The proposal of the Maharashtra State Government for diversion of additional 1500 hectares of forest land in Dhule District for resettlement of Sardar Sarovar Project affected families has been approved under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide Union Ministry of Environment & Forest's letter dated 22-2-94. The construction sluices of the Sardar Sarovar Dam was closed on 23rd February, 1994 and the work on further raising of spillway portion of the dam has been resumed.

In the meeting of Sardar Sarovar Construction Advisory Committee held on 21-1-94, it was decided that the spillway block nos. 44 to 48 would be kept at EL 00.3 metres, block nos. 30 and 31 would not be raised above EL 69 metres and block no. 43 kept at EL 70.2 metres till a further review by the Sardar Sarovar Construction Advisory Committee. As regards other spillway blocks, these should be such that the afflux level of EL 100 metres for a flood of 1 in 100 years return period would not be exceeded at any stage during the 1994 floods.

The storage capacity of the Sardar Sarovar Dam depends on the height of the Sardar Sarovar Dam which has been fixed by Narmada Water Dispute Tribunal Award and will not be affected by the delay in construction of Narmada Sagar dam. However, the water availability in Sardar Sarovar Dam will be affected by delay in construction of Naramda Sagar Dam. The details of its adverse effects on drinking water and irrigation in Gujarat are being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Heights of Dams on Major Rivers

1779. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU :
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether as indicated by the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh in January this year (7th January, 1994) the question of heights of the dams on major rivers, including Sardar Sarovar and Narmada, is being reviewed ;

(b) If so, the details there of, including Madhya Pradesh Government's stand in this regard; and

(c) the decision, if any, taken in the matter.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not airse.

Suspended Offcers in Alimco, Kanpur

1780. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have not yet framed charges against suspended officers of ALIMCO, Kanpur, despite passage of about one year ;

(b) whether no charges could be legitimately framed against such officers; and

(c) if so, what steps being taken to restore the position of the officers in order to ensure proper production of the unit ?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) CBI on the basis of the Preliminary Enquiry found a prima-facie evidence against the suspended officers entering into criminal conspiracy with the other parties to siphon off the grant-in-aid given by the Government to the Corporation. CBI is still investigating the case. As soon as CBI completes its enquiry the charges sheet shall be served on the suspended officers.

It may be mentioned here that the production in the current year has gone up by 37% value-wise as compared to the year 1992-93.

अनुसूचित जातियों/अनुसूचित जनजातियों के छात्रों हेतु छात्रवृत्ति की दरों में संशोधन

1781. श्री जगन्नाथ सिंह :
श्री नारायण प्रसाद गुप्ता :

क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) केन्द्र द्वारा प्रायोजित योजनाओं के अंतर्गत अनुसूचित जातियों तथा अनुसूचित जनजातियों के छात्रों को मैट्रिक के बाद दी जाने वाली छात्रवृत्ति की दरें कब संशोधित की गई थीं;